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Hyman and Ruth Soloway JCC to be closed on Shabbat

In keeping with a decades-old tradition, the Jewish Community Centre will be closed on Saturdays when it moves to its new premises in the Joe and Rose Ages Building on the Jewish Community Campus. The JCC board of directors voted on the Shabbat policy at an April 15 meeting following two months of community consultation.

The board had been considering a motion to have the Soloway Jewish Community Centre open, with restrictions, on Saturday afternoons. The Jewish community was invited to respond to the proposal, through letters, phone calls, faxes and e-mail. The board also held an open meeting on March 26, attended by about 160 people, at which members of the community were able to speak to the motion.

Public response to the proposal did not lean strongly in either direction. Supporters of a limited opening felt that on Shabbat the JCC should be a gathering place for the Jewish community, particularly young people. Those who thought the JCC should maintain its long standing practice of closing from sundown Friday until sundown Saturday, felt that social

and recreational needs did not override the sacredness of Shabbat, the most important holiday on the Jewish calendar. In the end, board members based their decision on what they thought would best serve Ottawa's Jewish community.

By closing on Shabbat, the JCC will follow the same policy observed by other Jewish institutions in the city. During the rest of the week, the community will find a JCC rich with Jewish programming, classes, sports, social activities and community events for people of all ages, at all levels of religious observance. It will open in September 1998.

Jeff Gould, president of the JCC board of directors, said while the decision was a difficult one for the board, he was deeply impressed with the tone of the debate.

"The response from the community and the board was dignified and respectful. Everyone kept saying that Ottawa's Jewish community was unique because there is so much respect between people, no matter what stream of Judaism they belong to. I think this public debate showed how true this is."



Glorious finish to '98 UJA Campaign

At its "Celebration of Success" evening held on April 6, UJA Ottawa paid tribute to core individuals and the community-at-large for a well-conducted, well-received campaign. Pictured with Chair Arnie Vered (third from left) are (left to right) Marjorie Feldman, co-chair Women's Division; Harvey Wolfe, president of UJA Canada; and Rosalyn Fremeth, co-chair Women's Division. (Story and more photos on page 5.)

(Photo: Robin Chernick)

Ottawa investment firm chief backer

ScotiaMcLeod-Ottawa named major corporate sponsor of '98 UJA Golf Tourney

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

"ScotiaMcLeod has teed up in a big way for UJA," beams Charles Schachnow, chair of the 1998 UJA Golf Tournament. "And they came to the table with no hesitation at all."

The Ottawa office of the prominent investment/ money management firm has given its full backing to the Ottawa Jewish Community as major corporate sponsor of the UJA 1998 Golf Tournament scheduled for Monday, July 6 at Rideau View Golf and Country Club.

"ScotiaMcLeod-Ottawa believes it's important to support the worthy community organizations our brokers are involved in," says Branch Manager David Nicol.

"And, on July 6, you can expect to see our duffers on the Rideau View green, too. When ScotiaMcLeod makes a financial commitment to an organization, our guarantee of personal participation is always part of

the donation.

"We believe any organization worthy of our financial support is also worthy of our time and input," says Nicol.

"UJA Ottawa definitely falls into that category."

Tournament Chair Schachnow and his committee of 13 are deep into the planning of the popular tournament which, since its introduction to the community in 1993, has become an annually anticipated event.

"We're bringing the 1998 Golf Tournament to a different level," says Schachnow. "We've got some terrific surprises in store for participants and great food and great prizes."

Schachnow refuses to give away all his aces, but shares the fact that players lucky enough to score a hole-in-one could well walk away owning a brand new '98 Jeep Grand Cherokee Ltd., or win an exotic one-



David Nicol (left) branch manager, Ottawa office of ScotiaMcLeod, presents the major corporate sponsor's cheque to Charles Schachnow, chair of the 1998 UJA Golf Tournament. Looking on (left to right): ScotiaMcLeod Associate Director Mark Klyman; Investment Executive Joe Jefferies; Associate Director David Cork; and Senior Investment Executive Frank Charette.

week cruise for two, or either of two exceptional additional prizes.

"July 6 will be a day to remember," promises the enthusiastic tournament chair. "We'll start off with a catered kosher

lunch, keep our players full and happy throughout the afternoon, and finish off a perfect day of golf with a fantastic post-game barbeque."

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Presidents comment on Shabbat closing of Centre



VAAD REPORT

BARBARA FARBER
PRESIDENT, VAAD HA'IR

Our community has tackled and responded to a major challenge in a most positive way. I believe strongly that the decision for the new Ruth and Hyman Soloway JCC that will be housed in the Joseph and Rose Ages Building to remain closed on Shabbat is the right one. I did not always feel this way nor did the other Vaad officers, nor did some of the leadership of the JCC. But we had a process that worked. An appeal was made to the JCC to open on Saturday afternoons. Several such requests had been made throughout the history of the community but the decision had always been made by the top leadership to maintain the status quo, and no further discussion took place.

This time, we felt it prudent to open up the discussion to the entire community. A town-hall-style meeting took place and ample opportunity was provided through e-mail addresses, faxes and phone calls for the community to respond.

Throughout the consultation period, people were, above all, respectful of the Shabbat and respectful of one another. Many of us vacillated in our opinions but after listening to many of you at various times and for

various reasons all of the senior leadership in the community agreed that at this point the JCC should remain closed on the Shabbat. After a very long meeting, the JCC board members agreed with that position.

I commend the president of the JCC, Jeff Gould for the hours of consultation and difficult decision-making. Leadership is not a popularity contest and the ability to act upon what you believe is the right decision not only for your agency, but for the good of the community, is not always easy. Indecision and uncertainty are enemies of progress. Let's now move on to putting our efforts into creating an enthusiastic membership for our new JCC.

We are all looking forward to incredible family programming for the entire community in a magnificent new setting. Our success will begin and end with you!

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Yasher Koach to JNF for having the initiative to donate trees to the region from part of the monies raised during its annual Tu B'Shevat Telethon.

A silver maple has been planted on the heritage side of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton's Headquarters in addition to 50 saplings to replace trees lost in the recent ice storm.

The community thanks JNF for this wonderful gesture on its behalf.

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May 10 is Mother's Day and for the more than 50% of you who are mothers, grandmothers or great-grandmothers, I wish you an enjoyable (and restful) day.



FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

JEFF GOULD, PRESIDENT,
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

The past few weeks have been, to put it mildly, challenging. I have known for a long time that as we approached our long-awaited move to the new Soloway Jewish Community Centre, the matter of Saturday hours had to be addressed. I also knew that we could not decide whether to open the doors on Saturday afternoon without consulting the community.

I spoke to many many people over the course of the last two months. So did all the JCC board members. For most of us, a day didn't go by without the issue being the subject of several conversations. We tried to listen to and respect all the opinions presented to us; we listened to and respected each other; even if we disagreed.

I believe the decision we have made, to have the Soloway Jewish Community Centre maintain its traditional observance of Shabbat, is the right one at this time for our community.

The members of the JCC board have been working tirelessly for two years to see our dream for a new centre of Jewish life in this city become a reality. We are building a bright and welcoming building. We are planning wonderful family, athletic and Jewish programming. It is a tremendously exciting moment in our community's history. Now that we have made the decision about Saturday hours, it's time to move on and make our Soloway Jewish Community Centre the best it can be.

Welcoming the Shabbat Queen into our homes and our hearts

Regardless of the JCC's decision to open or close on Shabbat, a clarion call has gone out to the Jewish community of Ottawa as a result of the hot and heavy discussion concerning this issue. Are our rabbis, teachers and schools properly conveying the message of Shabbat to the members of our community?

The very fact that the question of opening up Jewish communal institutions on Shabbat has even come up is of great concern. How do the majority of Jews not only here but elsewhere perceive Shabbat afternoon "after services"? Is it simply Saturday? Does Shabbat end at 1:00 pm? Do we not attribute to the Jewish Shabbat more holiness?

Perhaps we have been too complacent in conveying the message of Shabbat to our fellow Jewa. Perhaps we have become too enamored with the democratic notion of religious laissez-faire where we are at best indifferent to those who do not understand the message of Shabbat, or at worst afraid to say anything to these people lest we offend.

We can no longer afford to be silent. Like the response to the fourth son of the Haggadah, who does not even know he has to ask questions about Judaism, we must take the initiative and teach about the beauty of the Shabbat. Our rabbis and all of our schools must incorporate the Shabbat as part of their educational programs. The concept and the laws of the Shabbat must be taught without fear, without embarrassment, and must be transmitted to our fellow Jews without offense.

In other words, a massive Shabbat instruction campaign should begin in Ottawa following guidelines of our Torah and our Codes. As the Torah in the Ten Commandments tells us first to remember the Shabbat day and then to observe it, our educational programs should reflect that chronology.



FROM THE PULPIT

RABBI HOWARD FINKELSTEIN
BETH SHALOM WEST

As the Ramban tells us, the remembrance of the Shabbat day revolves around the positive elements of kiddush, prayer, oneg, while the observance reflects the prohibited activities on the Shabbat.

Further, we must teach the spirit of the Shabbat through the communal messages of Shabbatonim. In cities such as Houston and Miami, the good offices of federations and synagogues have cooperated to bring Shabbat to their constituents, through the facility of Shabbatonim, family hospitality and retreats. There is no reason why the Vaad Ha'ir of Ottawa could not take on a facilitating role with the synagogues to bring Shabbat to those who normally may never have welcomed her into their home and their hearts.

Perhaps, in retrospect, the question concerning JCC Shabbat opening had to be asked to awaken us to our spiritual responsibilities to "glorify Torah" by disseminating the beauty of its message, and especially that of the Shabbat, to the Jews of Ottawa. An opportunity has been presented to the spiritual leaders of our community to teach Shabbat, as a result of the JCC issue.

Mitzvah Ha'ba'ah Leyadacha Al Tachmitzenah. Do not allow the opportunity to perform a mitzvah slip through your hands. El La'sot Lashem. It is time for us to create a kiddush Hashem through the bringing of the Shabbat Queen to all of the Jews in Ottawa.

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Ottawa Talmud Torah Board celebrates 75th anniversary

By Ricki Baker
and Marjorie Feldman

This year marks a milestone in the history of Jewish education in Ottawa. Seventy-five years ago, in 1923, the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board was incorporated in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario. At a time when the local Jewish community numbered approximately 2,800, the Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon School served as the only "Cheder" providing formal Jewish education.

In 1949, Hillel Academy was created, becoming part of the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board. Both are proud to be celebrating the 75th anniversary together.

To commemorate its founding and "Diamond Jubilee", the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board will be holding a gala dinner at the Chateau Laurier Hotel on September 14. The evening will trace generations of Jewish education in Ottawa and will be filled with memories and reminders of special teachers as well as special students. The guest speaker will be Avraham Infeld, renowned Jewish educator and president of Melitz Centers for Jewish Zionist Education based in Israel.

As part of the celebration, a souvenir history ad book is being prepared. Anyone with old pictures, mementos, class lists, and memories of events and graduating classes, is asked to call the Talmud Torah office (722-8827).

Please mark September 14 on your calendar and plan on participating in what promises to be a memorable evening.



Talmud Torah, 1950

Students (back row, left to right) Phil Wasserman, Cecil Viner, Sidney Gershon, Unknown, Irving Swedko, Barry Eisenstadt, Herbie Taller, Jerry Dermer, Phil Gosewich, Marvin Tanner, Stanley Levine, John Wallack, Lester Aronson, Sid Katz, Stephen Victor; (front row) Sherwin Raichman, Sidney Rosenblatt, Barry Trainoff, Maurice Padolsky, Unknown, Barry Lithwick, Leonard Cogan, Rosalie Segal, Marcia Weidman, Roslyn Sobcov and Corinne Sadavoy. Teachers (left to right) Rabbi Baruch Kravetz, Philip Brill and Jacob Gordon.

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Prof. John Bechhoefer will speak at Weizmann Chapter meeting

The Ottawa Chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science will hold its first program of 1998 on Monday, May 11, at 7:30 pm at the home of Arnon and Ruth Miller, 3671 Revelstoke Drive.

The community is invited to hear Dr. John Bechhoefer, the first recipient of the Charpak/Vered Exchange Fellowship, talk about his stay at the Weizmann Institute in Israel and about the collaborative work he did there.

The Charpak/Vered Fellowship was inaugurated in Ottawa in June 1995 at a gala reception held at the Israel Ambassador's residence. The Fellowship supports collaborative research in applied biophysics between scientists at the Weizmann Institute and scientists in Canada.

Bechhoefer, of the Department of Physics at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, worked at the Weizmann Institute from January to August 1997 in collaboration with Weizmann Institute professor Joel Stavan.

Many members of the local Jewish community were active participants in the creation of the Charpak/Vered Fellowship and many were there when it was inaugurated at the gala reception. Now you can learn firsthand how the fellowship is working.

There is no admission charge to this program for members of the Ottawa Chapter. Non members will be charged \$5. To ensure adequate seating RSVP to the chapter office (236-3391).

Bill Silverman Scholarship announced

By Paula Smith

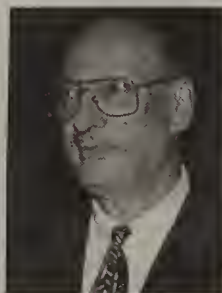
It is obvious that education means a great deal to Bill Silverman. It was obvious to Nortel, his employer for the past 41 years, that Ottawa's Bill Silverman was a prime example of the importance and the value of education.

As a special tribute to his years of excellence at work and high level of professionalism, Nortel has recognized Bill with the creation of the Bill Silverman Scholarship for Advanced Studies in Supply Management in his honor. Two scholarships will be awarded annually at the post graduate level for business studies in the area in which Bill made such a valuable contribution. This is the first time that Nortel has honored an employee in this way, and is the first non-technical scholarship that it has funded.

Bill began his career at Northern Telecom in 1957 after completing high school in Montreal. He soon realized that a university education would be an asset. Soon he began attending Sir George Williams University (now Concordia) at night while continuing to work full time at his day job, graduating in 1973 with a BA. He continued to further his education throughout his years at Nortel, with courses at the University of Western Ontario, Penn State, and Columbia University in later years.

Bill's career, which has taken him to Nashville as well as Ottawa and Montreal, has been in lock step with Nortel's ever expanding global empire. He has grown with the company, travelling extensively in the United States, Europe and Asia.

About 15 years ago, when it became apparent that a Jewish presence was beginning to be evident in the Kanata area high technology companies, Bill was asked



Bill Silverman

to establish a High Tech Division for the UJA campaign. This Division now includes over 150 people, and is recognized for sponsoring events holding widespread appeal.

Bill married Flora Wolman, 37 years ago in Montreal. Flora recently retired after a lengthy teaching career, including teaching at Hillel Academy during their Ottawa years. Together they have two children, Rhonda married to Gary Litwack of Toronto and Dr. Howard and Evelyn Silverman of Albany, N.Y., and five grandchildren.

After being away from home for close to 50 per cent of the time during his working life, Bill is looking forward to his imminent retirement to spend more time with his grandchildren. He commended his wife for holding the fort during all his travels and said that he is relishing the thought of just relaxing together with Flora for a few months before tackling anything more stressful than his long neglected golf game.

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Glorious finish to '98 UJA Campaign

Community shares in well-deserved pat-on-the-back

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

UJA Ottawa chose its annual post-campaign Kovod evening to pay tribute to a quartet of seasoned canvassers for their unstinting devotion to the cause of UJA.

A Celebration of Success, held at Nepean's Centrepointe Theatre on Monday, April 6, was UJA Ottawa's public 'thank you' to core individuals and the community-at-large for a well-conducted, well-received 1998 campaign.

Arnie Vered, '98 campaign chair, used the occasion to present long-time canvassers Thelma Steinman, Sam Ages, Leon Leckie and Morton Pleet with special awards of appreciation from the organization to which they have given their time and energy over the course of many years.

"Among these four individuals over 400 cards were canvassed and numerous telethons staffed," Arnie said. "Thelma is an integral part of the Women's Division, Sam and Leon chair the large and important retiree segment of the Public Service Division and Morton heads the Retail Retiree Division.

"May they be an inspiration to us all," he said.

The evening also featured brief addresses by Max Lipson and Pinchas Pleet, each conveying a heartfelt message of interest to the community.

The audience accorded Lipson a standing ovation at the conclusion of his remarks. A writer and former broadcaster, he was diagnosed with manic depression 30 years ago.

"My illness has been beaten down," said the 70-year old Lipson who, during his long struggle with mental illness frequently benefitted from the assistance provided by UJA-supported agencies and the Kosher Food Bank.

"Many in this Jewish community helped me in many a



The Talmud Torah Afternoon School Choir was part of the program which showcased the musical talent fostered in three UJA beneficiary institutions.



Long-time canvassers, Leon Leckie, Thelma Steinman and Morton Pleet, along with Sam Ages who was out of town for the event, were presented with special awards of appreciation.

(Photos: Robin Chernick)

bad time," he said. "It was through the Jewish community that I kept my dignity. I am grateful for the opportunity to say thank you to you all."

The second speaker, Pinchas Pleet, a dedicated Hillel Lodge volunteer for close to two decades, shared his firsthand impressions of the community's seniors' facility. Pleet painted a glowing picture of life in the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged, and of the respect, care and caring he has witnessed its professional staff accord the facility's residents.

"Any money that goes to Hillel Lodge is very well invested," he said. "Within the industry, Hillel Lodge is regarded as being one of the finest institutions of its

kind."

Other speakers included Chen Ivry, charge d'affaires, who brought greetings from the Embassy of Israel; Vaad President Barbara Farber and Harvey Wolfe, president of UJA Canada.

Campaign Chair Vered, and Women's Division Co-Chairs Marjorie Feldman and Rosalyn Fremeth thanked their workers and the community for their support in making the '98 campaign an unqualified success.

"To date, we have raised \$2,443, 327 and 3,761 cards have been canvassed," Vered said. "On a card-per-card basis, we have raised 7.22 per cent more than last year.

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Enjoying lunch at Chabad House

Students from Yitzhak Rabin High School/Midreshet Ner Yitzhak recently enjoyed a visit to Montreal's McGill University and Concordia University. Concordia's Prof. Michael Oppenheim, director of the Religious Department, addressed the students.

Adult Torah Study Week returns

By Shelli Kimmel

Summer is almost here, and with it comes Adult Torah Study week, the new program sponsored by Jewish Education through Torah (JET). Those who may have missed the inaugural program last summer, and those who participated in some way, should mark July 5 - 11 on your calendar.

This year the Adult Torah Study Week promises to be even bigger and better. Favorites like the classes on Chumash, Gemara and Mitzvah a Day will once again be available, with new twists to them. New courses will be added to round out the program.

The beginner level program will be a main focus. Along with the Aleph-Bet program, there will be classes on how to daven (pray), why we do what we do, and a chumash class. The latter offers those with

little or no experience the chance to realize the thrill of studying a particular section in depth.

Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum from Toronto will be returning again this summer. Feigenbaum has "a wonderful talent for teaching a wide range of ability in one class. People with little knowledge and those with a lot all raved about the same class".

Daily classes will be held at Congregation Machzikei Hadas and the evening classes and Evening Lecture Series will take place at Beth Shalom West. Registrants can choose to sign up for a full day, half-day or individual classes.

Promising an inspirational culmination to the week is the Shabbaton to be held at Machzikei Hadas. Everyone is welcome to

participate, regardless of participation in the Adult Torah Study Week.

As one participant noted last year, "I look forward to next summer. What a treat". Well, next summer is almost here. Do yourself a favor and join JET for this exceptional opportunity.

For further information, watch future issues of the *Bulletin*, or call Shelli Kimmel (726-9125) or Rabbi Zischa Shaps (521-4437).

Mazel Tov!

Another princess!

Zagerman/Vizel - Sandi and Saul welcome with love Julia Francine, born April 13, 1998 at 12:05 am, weighing 7 lb 6 oz at Cambridge Memorial Hospital. Adorable little sister for Hilary and Meredith. Delighted grandparents are Herbert and Connie Zagerman and Simon and Gloria Vizel of Montreal. Proud great-grandmothers Helen Ross of Toronto and Bella Giberovitch of Montreal.

Engaged!

Announcement is made of the engagement of our granddaughter Wendy Kauffman, daughter of Donna-Lee and David Kauffman of Montreal, to Natan Treitel, son of Tova and Irving Treitel of Jerusalem. Proud grandparents are Joseph and Betty Feller of Ottawa and Mrs. Min Kreiger of Montreal.

Agudath Israel Synagogue holds first Mitzvah Fair

By Estelle Melzer

The Social Hall of Agudath Israel Synagogue was filled with the lively hubbub of a fair with more than 20 booths set up with colorful signs and animated promoters selling their wares. But this was a fair with a difference - it was Agudath Israel's First Tikkum Olam Mitzvah Fair.

The booths were local social service agencies, representing both the Jewish and secular communities, and the "products" they were selling were mitzvot. Fairgoers went from booth to booth learning about the work of the various organizations and the different volunteer roles.

The Mitzvah Fair was part of Agudath Israel's Mitzvah Sunday, a full day of discussions, volunteer information, mitzvah-related activities, and of course, food, to sustain all that energy.

It began with a breakfast panel discussion led by representatives of social service agencies dealing with various needs in the community. Participating in the discussion were: Lisa Melamed, board member of Jewish Family Services, presenting an overview of the needs of the Jewish community; Lauren Shaps of JFS speaking

about children and youth at risk; Helen Alvo, a social worker with Psycho-Geriatric Community Services of Ottawa - Carleton, speaking on the needs of the geriatric population; Chuck Rotenberg of JACS (Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others) on addiction in the Jewish community; and Annette Albert, talking about barriers to participation in our community of the physically and mentally challenged. Often very moving, these descriptions of the needs of people in our own community were a call to action for many in the audience.

Later in the day, volunteers visited Jewish residents in nine seniors facilities and presented them with gift bags.

The Tikkum Olam Fair - Mitzvah Sunday was organized by Yaffa Greenbaum and Marion Mayman. It was an outgrowth of the Agudath Israel Social Action and Public Policy Committee, which began in the spring of 1997 under the chair of Saul Ross. The committee focused on the most basic issue in our community, poverty, at its most basic level, food. It began the Kosher Food Bank Fund which has been extremely successful.

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Preparing Passover baskets are (from left to right) Michael Shiff, Lee Waxman, Rabbi Ely Braun, Donald Hyman, Sylvia Gajda, Mary Leeks, Gordon Spergel.

A Tamir Passover tradition continues

By Mary Leeks
and Rejeanne Lacroix,
Residential Counsellors

Once again, residents and staff of the Tamir Foundation joined other members of the Jewish community in the preparation of Passover baskets for those in need. An incredible project involving the pick up and delivery of huge quantities of food, candles, and wine was completed at the Jewish Community Centre under the watchful eye of Gordon Spergel.

At one point the Tamir volunteers were responsible for transporting 300 dozen eggs ... very cautiously! "Get crackin'" has nothing on the Tamir volunteers! There were cases of fruit that had

to be fit in, around and then on to the volunteers in the van. Potatoes, carrots, and onions were transported by hand, by dollies, and by shopping cart. There were vegetables stacked along three walls. Later, when the skid carrying potatoes fell off the transport truck, the Tamir gang was there to pick up loose potatoes and haul bags out of the rain. Sound like quite a job? Well, perhaps. However, to the residents of Tamir, it was yet another opportunity to feel a part of their community.

Tamir thanks Irving Singer and Gordon Spergel of B'nai Brith for continuing to involve the residents in this important annual Passover event.

Emunah picks up where Israeli government leaves off

By Lynne Cohen

On the flip side of the middle-class Israeli tour - the magnificent sights and sounds at the Kotel, the new Jerusalem Hilton and the kosher Burger King - lies a different picture, one of hardship and struggle.

Israeli society faces the standard challenges of any western nation - alienated teenagers, drug addiction, poverty, family violence - but, in addition, has taken upon itself the added responsibility of integrating hundreds of thousands of Russian and Ethiopian immigrants, most of whom need multiple support services.

When Ottawa's Gladys Zarecki, president of the local Emunah Rachel Kizell chapter, joined the group's first Young Leadership Mission to Israel in March, she never expected to see Emunah so involved at every level of Israeli society.

"I thought the Israeli government took care of most social needs, especially relating to children," she said. "But in fact, Emunah has to pick up where the government leaves off. With deep respect for Jewish traditions, Emunah runs an entire immigrant support service, from after school care to family counselling to the provision of food and clothing."

Emunah, she added, also runs 120 daycares and 17 high schools for girls throughout the country and it maintains one huge foster children's village in Pardas Chanah. "They are all running at or past capacity," she explained, "with dedicated professionals who work well beyond the call of duty."

With the perspective that only a full-



Israeli army recruit assists three foster children after school in an Emunah foster home.

time Jewish day school educator and administrator can have, Zarecki appreciated how the directors of Emunah's institutions were able to infuse dignity into desperate situations.

On Sunday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. Emunah of Ottawa will honor the late Molly Sherman, a distinguished Eshet Hayil who made significant contributions to Emunah and the local Jewish community. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Mordechai Zeitz of Montreal. Live entertainment includes Torah Academy's Boys Choir and the "Shalom Duo" guitarists. The event will be held at the Westin Hotel and will include a kosher sweet table.

Cost is \$20 per person with reservations, \$25 at the door. RSVP to Gladys Zarecki (828-4187) or Rivka Kraus (241-5613). Men and women are welcome.



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

The bright light of the Russian Seder

Written by a Seder participant

Which is the most joyous holiday of the Jewish people? Certainly Pesach. It is a holiday of liberation, spring, and rejuvenation. "Renew your days as of old!" This is a holiday for the whole family. It is of special importance for us as immigrants since many of us have not yet made new friends, have not yet established ourselves in a new country and feel fairly uncomfortable especially during the holiday season.

Jewish Family Services did everything possible to improve the situation. On Friday, April 10, on a warm spring evening we got together at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue. The Seder was conducted by Michael Markov, in Russian, and most of the 113 participants took turns reading paragraphs from the Haggadah. The "Ma Nishtana" song especially touched our hearts. How is this night different from other nights? It is different because we are all together, because our children are here with us at the Seder and because we are free people.

This Seder is also very important for

the Russian speaking community because people have the opportunity to meet each other and to make new friends.

Having finished the four glasses of wine and the afikoman, Galina Shuman and Michael Markov responded to people's questions as to "what, how, and why. Why were Jews punished during the ten plagues? ... How could one feel the darkness? ... Why these particular plagues and in this order? ... What did Egyptians do after the ten plagues?"

The evening is over, the stars of the spring sky are looking at us, and we are leaving for our homes taking with us the warmth and the light of the Pesach Seder. For some of us, this was our first real Seder.

We are grateful to everyone who helped us to be together, to feel that we are really Jewish. Some of these people we do not even know. We are particularly grateful to Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, Jack Smith Kosher Catering, JIAS, Mazon Canada, and private donors. Thank you and Hag Sameach.

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Mission '98: A view from overseas

By Norma Hochberg-Silverstone

Over a year ago, my husband Brian and I left Ottawa to accept a temporary position in Amsterdam, Holland and while we considered the many sacrifices we would have to make such as leaving family and friends we also were enthused by the opportunities such a move would bring.

While many of our plans were undefined, one mutual goal we would strive for was to finally go to Israel. After working for the Israeli embassy and the Canada-Israel Committee and growing up with a Jewish education, it was almost embarrassing that I had never actually been to Israel, and for Brian, seeing Israel for the first time would be a dream come true.

We considered several options for how we would best see the country and the most meaningful alternative we chose was to join up with a Canada-wide UIA/UJA Mission which would celebrate Israel's 50th birthday.

Shortly before our trip, however, threats from Iraq loomed and many said it was an unsafe time to go. Somehow our excitement replaced any fears for our personal safety and we set out on our journey. When we joined the few hundred jet-lagged Canadians at Ben-Gurion Airport, there was an instant feeling of solidarity; everyone was there because they truly wanted to be despite a possible attack. We then found out that the Montreal contingent had cancelled due to the uncertainty in Iraq. Thankfully, within a couple of days, the issues with Iraq had subsided and the Montrealers joined us making the Canadian representation complete. In fact, Israeli officials began calling us "the brave mission" and thanked us profusely for coming.

Our itinerary was hectic covering north to south in eight days. We started in Metullah near the Lebanese border where the quality of children's lives has been immensely improved since the Canada Centre, a sports complex, was built. Now drawing people from all over

Israel, it even includes a hockey rink. Seeing this building was of personal significance to our family since part of it is named for my late uncle, Hy Hochberg, former executive director of Ottawa's Vaad Ha'Ir, who led many such missions to Israel.

We proceeded throughout the country seeing schools for gifted children, community centres and daycares for less fortunate children, enjoying performances by talented youth - all of which are projects partly or solely sponsored by UIA/UJA Canada.

The political and social aspects of Israel are important, but no mission would be complete without exploring the spiritual core of the country. As sunset approached on Friday night, we experienced Shabbat at the Western Wall and felt connected to Judaism in a way that only a visit like this could allow. However, to truly understand Jerusalem, we were also guided through the Old City to learn of the significance the city holds to Christians and Muslims as well as Jews and why any division of Jerusalem is such a contentious issue.

The visits to Yad Vashem, and Atlit (a former detention camp for immigrants arriving in Israel under the British Mandate) were fascinating yet surprisingly not depressing. We expected a morose, tragic view of persecution. Yet, the ingenious design, art and architecture of these sights bring forth feelings of sadness while always with rays of hope. Of course, none of this is news to those who have visited Israel, but until you see it for yourself the concept is almost impossible to grasp.

After our heads and our hearts, and most definitely our stomachs were full, we also enjoyed Israel's tourist attractions. We went up Masada and learned of its history, did the obligatory float in the Dead Sea and ended our trip in Eilat.

Our final activity was to plant a tree in the Negev



Norma and Brian Silverstone plant a tree for JNF in the Negev on Mission '98.

desert for JNF. Well, we've all heard about donating a tree and this always seemed quite abstract - "Do they actually plant a tree? Can I see the tree planted in my name when I was born?" However, to actually stand in the middle of the hot desert and plant a little tree with your own hands in the Israeli soil is quite a reality compared with most people's experience which comes in the form of a little receipt.

Overall, Mission '98 was fabulous; we were given the time of our lives. We were shown Israel's incredible diversity in land and people. We were able to see Canada's contribution to the country and take pride in that and most importantly, we were able to be ourselves, to be Jews, at home away from home (especially for us where home has been rather vague lately) and we both look forward to returning "home" again very soon.

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On the warm, magnificently bright afternoon of Wednesday, April 22, in a formal presentation and planting, JNF Ottawa honored its promise to its local purchasers.

On that day, His Excellency David Sultan, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, accompanied the proud group of JNF stalwarts to Regional Headquarters to be greeted by an appreciative Regional Chair Bob Chiarelli. And there, at the corner of Elgin and Lisgar, in front of Regional Headquarters, a brand new sugar maple tree was planted by JNF Ottawa.

In addition, JNF Ottawa also presented the region with an additional 50 saplings which will be planted and take healthy root throughout the region.

In his remarks of thanks, Chiarelli said, "The Jewish community has contributed greatly to Ottawa-Carleton."

Present at the ceremony were Ambassador Sultan, Vaad President Barbara Farber, JNF Ottawa Board President Dr. Norman Barwin and his wife, Myrna; '98 Telethon Co-Chairs Mark Klyman and Michael Silverman, and JNF Board Members Bob and Leah Gencher, Gina Grant, Norman Lesh, Marion Mayman and Sam Zunder. Also present were JNF Eastern Region Executive Director Mark Mendelsohn, Jerusalem Emissary Col. Ron Krumer, and JNF Ottawa Director Ketty Samel.

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A trio of B'nai Mitzvah

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REPORT FROM ISRAEL

Israel welcomes me like a lost child returned home

By Lauren Kramer

When the silver-winged bird El Al descends into Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion Airport, and a couple hundred passengers spontaneously break into song and applause, ... as the jubilant melody of *Heiveinu Shalom Aleichem* reaches your ears, you know you've arrived someplace different.

You know it instinctively, despite your fatigue, your impatience to get through passport control and your ardent desire for a shower and the feel of cool sheets beneath your skin. Israel welcomes you with its dynamic vibe, with the sense that here anything and everything is possible. The energy pervades your innermost being and replaces exhaustion with excitement.

This is my fourth visit to Israel, and each time I find a country that welcomes me like a lost child returned home.

My visit earlier this year was inspired by the 50th anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel. Incredibly, a half-century has already passed, filled with trials and tribulations, warfare and victory. Both the scars and the successes that punctuate the country's recent history are ubiquitous, brandished unabashedly on all facets of Israeli life, a constant and pervasive reminder of the tremors that have shaken the core of this young society. On the bumpers of many cars that zoom in and out of Israel's narrow streets, citizens nurse one wound that is yet painfully tender: the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. "Chaver, Ani Zocher", the stickers promise - "Friend, I Remember."

A rawness of emotion exists in Israel that is incompatible to North America's stiff code of political correctness. You see it in moments of sadness, as in the wreaths on the sidewalk, marking the sites of various terrorist bombings in Tel Aviv, but also in moments of everyday life: the loud bellowing of fruit-sellers in the crowded alleys of the market, the brutal honesty that characterizes Israeli interaction (often misconstrued by visitors as rudeness) and the sheer sense of vitality that permeates life in Israel.



A view of Old Jaffa and Tel Aviv.

There's always a million things happening in this small country that's constantly capturing the attention of the world. And while many mistakenly label Israel 'dangerous', there is truly no place I feel safer. In the midst of the so-called 'Crisis in Iraq', for example, when the rest of the world sat glued to the TV, certain that war was imminent, Israelis carried on with life as usual, unperturbed by the hullabaloo. 'What will be, will be' is the philosophy they live by, and it is one that has served them well, facilitating the construction of a first-world country that derives its strength and courage from its deep roots in history.

We begin our tour in Tel Aviv, the epitome of Israel's modernity, a bustling city where cellular phones ring perpetually and the 'place to be' changes on a weekly basis. From the balcony of my hotel, the sudden blueness of the Mediterranean is an immediate tranquilizer. Nowhere have I been closer to the centre of Middle Eastern political turmoil than in Israel; indeed, many Jerusalemites inform me (and not without a sense of smug satisfaction at their relative safety) that should Iraq bomb the country, they will aim for Tel Aviv.

And yet, in defiance of logic, I feel safe here; my whole being, jagged after months of hard work is soothed in Israel, this land where the prospect of politically motivated violence is a staple of the daily diet, one accepted calmly, and to a large extent, ignored by the average Shlomo. A mere five minute walk separates the city centre from the seashore, and as I frequent my favorite haunts, basking in the intense and seductive flavor of Israeli life, a sense of peace fills me.

There's *Nachalat Binyamin*, for example, a craft market where skilled craftspeople sell everything from ashtrays to furniture, jewelry to unique religious items. The locals frequent this open-air arena, a place where the sun warms the back of your neck and fresh fruit juice is squeezed while you wait. My visit to the nearby *Shook HaCarmel*, or the Carmel Market, is a highlight; here I luxuriate in the noise, smells and colors that bombard my senses. As bellowing fruit-sellers proclaim the freshness of their produce, impatient people push past me, ignorant of my bliss. Here you can buy everything from designer underwear to fruit and vegetables, but the experience itself is the source of intoxication.

My pilgrimage takes me from the chaos of the marketplace to the Tayelet, a promenade extending the entire length of the Tel Aviv beach front, where the wind whips your hair and the smell of the sea fills your nostrils. It leads you to the old city of Jaffa, named for Japhet, Noah's son, who built it after the flood, according to Christian legend. He was a good architect, if legend serves correctly, for Jaffa served as a port city for 4,000 years. Today, the waves continue to beat relentlessly at its ancient walls, but those timeless rocks stand firm, shielding nooks and crannies now occupied by artists' studios and galleries.

I grab a pastry and a fresh fruit juice from Abuelafia, a renowned Arab bakery in the heart of Old Jaffa, and treat myself to lunch with one of the city's breathtaking views, overlooking the ever-stretching sea, and Tel Aviv, which shimmers in the sunlight, its noise barely audible from this distance. By night, bathed in moonlight, the old city takes on a distinctly romantic quality, one enhanced by the music and drama performed at the outdoor amphitheatre, and the superb dining offered by restaurants housed in century-old buildings with a timeless ambience.

We're in for a surprise, our tour guide informs us the next day, as he drives us to an unknown destination, through a road surrounded on both sides by orange trees, heavy with fruit. The surprise is *Givat Hakibbutzim*, an old kibbutz situated on a hill in Rehovot. On face value, it could have been any kibbutz, with a vegetable garden, chicken coop and cow barn, except that this one was a cover for an underground ammunition factory in the pre-independence years.



The market in old Jerusalem.

Between 1945 and 1948, over two million bullets were manufactured at the 'Ayalon Institute,' housed beneath the kibbutz, right under the noses of the British Mandatory Authorities, who had prohibited any ownership of munitions under penalty of death. The regular hum of machinery in the laundry and bakery muffled the noise of bullet manufacture going on beneath the surface, and munitions workers spent time under tanning machines so the whiteness of their skin would not give them away. So clandestine was this operation, that not even all the kibbutzniks knew of its existence. When the War of Independence finally rolled around, Ayalon's 2.2 million rounds of ammunition were an invaluable contribution to the establishment and survival of the new State of Israel.

"Israel is like G-d's garden, a small museum of the world," says our Sabra guide, as we drive south to the Galilee, through a lush, hilly route. "Within a few hours of travel, you can experience deserts, mountains, oceans, valleys and lakes." True to his words, the scenery keeps changing. We stop briefly at Caesaria, where the aptly-named Kibbutz Sedot-Yam - *fields of the sea* - offers jeep rides in the surrounding dunes and rubber duck motorboat excursions for tourists. As we ride the helm of the waves, the cool spray hitting our faces, we see on the nearby shore the archaeological ruins of a Roman capital dating back to the first century BC. The superimposition of the new onto the old captures, momentarily, the historical poignancy of this country, where the ancient and the modern coexist, and indeed, depend on each other for commercial survival.

We spend a night at the Mitzpe Hayamim spa, a vegetarian establishment in remote Rosh Pina. I luxuriate in a hot tub on the spa's patio, overlooking the distant lights of the Hula Valley. Here you surrender your body to the strong hands of expert masseuses, you mend your diet with the spa's organically grown products and you repair the soul with breathtaking views, unhurried reflection and essential quality time in an environment of utmost serenity. It's difficult to say goodbye, but Shabbat in Jerusalem calls, and who can resist her?

I walk the streets of the old city all through the Sabbath, with no idea where I am, propelled simply by a desire to taste Jerusalem, feel its rhythm and see its residents. It's a city literally punctured by the conflicts of years before. Ancient walls are riddled with bullet holes,

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evidence of past and present skirmishes and bloodshed. Most striking to me is the aura of holiness that pervades Jerusalem, a presence that makes itself strangely felt no matter what your level of observance or religiosity. I hear it as the muezzins call their worshippers to prayer at mosques, their cries mingled with the chime of church bells and the traffic of Jews heading for the Western Wall.

After dark, I venture into the Russian Compound and find myself in a different world altogether from that occupied by the black-hatted Haredi and Ultra-Orthodox Jews, who clutch holy books and avoid eye contact. Unlike the nightclubs of North America, alcohol, though available, does not flow freely here. By the side of the dance floor, two men are making pancakes ladled with chocolate syrup, and draw a throng of dancers anxious for a sugar rush.

The next day we head southeast to the Dead Sea, arriving by nightfall at the recently constructed, Hollywood-style Hyatt Dead Sea. An elaborate, marble lobby hints at the luxury and opulence within. The magnetic beat of the hotel nightclub entices us onto the dance floor, where we enter a world far removed from

the ancient stones of Jerusalem, left only hours before.

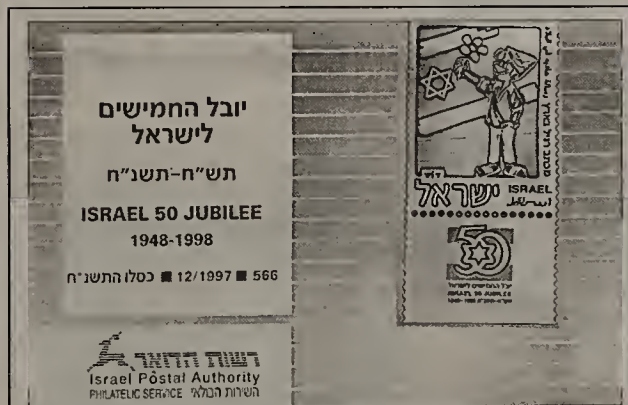
A jeep tour in the desert's Zin Valley is a definite highlight, a drive that gives new meaning to the phrase *off-road*, as the bumpy path plays havoc with my breakfast. Izzat AbuRabia, a charismatic 38-year-old Bedouin who leads the tour, takes us deep into the valley, where the surrounding mountains extend thick limbs into the heart of the desert, looking as if they were lifted and overturned by superhuman hands. Huge black spiders scuttle over the dry rocks, hiding in shrubs that yield an abundance of sweet-smelling herbs, many with aphrodisiac qualities.

The tour ends, and as I spend my last few days with family and friends in the West Bank, the Iraq drama only recently resolved, I find myself marvelling at how far this country has come in so short a time. In just 50 years, Israel has carved itself a steadfast and immovable niche in the Middle East, and earned itself recognition worldwide, for better or for worse. It's a land filled with contradictions and strife and immeasurable beauty, and one where Jewish pride and energy simply cannot elsewhere be experienced. As I soar into the sky, there is only one certainty: I shall return.



Jerusalem - a view to feed the soul.

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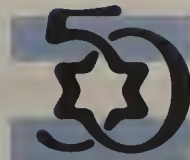
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President Ezer Weizman

We have built an outstanding country

The State of Israel is celebrating the jubilee of its independence this year. Over the past 50 years, despite all the internal and external difficulties, we have built an outstanding country. We have a thriving economy, a level of technology among the most advanced in the world, impressive scientific research, highly developed agriculture, and a very rich cultural life. Concurrently, we have had extraordinary success in meeting the Zionist challenge of absorbing immigrants from all over the world.

In the past few years we have absorbed 750,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union and another 80,000 from Ethiopia. They make an important contribution to our society and to the country. Unfortunately, not all our Jewish brethren have come to Israel. To you, brothers and sisters in the Diaspora, I say: the gates of the State are open to you; our air and sea ports are open; our hearts and our arms



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are open to welcome you. Come and join us in building an exemplary society and an outstanding country. Come and realize the Zionist dream together with us in Israel.

Upon achieving independence, Israel's population was 600,000. Since then, it has grown tenfold, to nearly six million, including more than one million Arab citizens enjoying equal rights. This is a very diverse society, but despite its many contrasts, loyalty to the state is shared by all.

During this century, the Jewish people experienced one of the most terrible events in its history, the Holocaust in Europe, but also reached one of its most impressive achievements - the creation of the national home in Israel, turning Israel into the centre of world Jewry and reviving the Hebrew language, which had not been forgotten during two millennia of exile.

We still have security problems, but we are on the right path, the path to peace, and I believe that within a few years we shall attain comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

Today we enjoy quiet borders and peaceful relations with Egypt and Jordan, and we have hopes of a peace settlement with the Palestinians.

In the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel, we state that we "extend our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness and are prepared to do our share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East." This call is, of course, still valid today. It is my hope that we shall renew the peace negotiations with Syria and Lebanon and establish diplomatic relations with all the countries which as yet have no ties with us.

When, in retrospect, I contemplate our accomplishments in the past fifty years, I am filled with hope and confidence about what Israel will achieve in the coming 50 years.



President Ezer Weizman

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

We can be proud of our accomplishments in this half century

This year we celebrate the State of Israel's 50th birthday, a landmark in our history. I believe we can be proud of our accomplishments in this half century.

Even before the State was officially declared, we were attacked from all sides, and most military experts doubted that the new state would survive. But we have not only survived against great odds, we have performed what can only be described as a modern miracle. We have gathered millions of exiles to our land, developed a thriving economy and attained international standing in the sciences and the arts, in technology and in agriculture. With resolve and courage we have proved again and again that we can defend ourselves against all enemies.

These achievements have convinced our neighbors of our permanence in the region. Egypt and Jordan have signed peace treaties with us, we have established relations with other Arab countries and started a peace process with our Palestinian neighbors.

There are few sacrifices and concessions Israel is unwilling to make to achieve peace with all its neighbors. But a fundamental requirement must be satisfied: security.

This should have been self-evident. The very definition of peace includes the absence of violence and

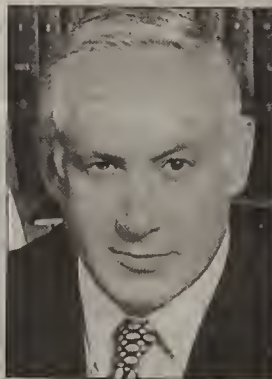
war. Terrorism and threats of violence are incompatible with the peace process.

Yet many expect Israel to withdraw from areas that are the cradle of Jewish civilization to relinquish control over strategic assets and to leave itself vulnerable to attack despite the absence of any credible assurance of security. This we cannot do. To treat the matter of security lightly is to abdicate our responsibilities as a government. Jews everywhere must remain united in demanding that security be an integral, indispensable component of the peace process. Only then can we achieve real peace.

Ever since the struggling days of the State's beginning, unity has been our invaluable weapon. And whenever cracks seem to appear in this bond, we prove time and again that in times of trouble or when facing a national challenge we set aside our differences and act as one people.

The bond between Israel and the Diaspora is vital to our survival. It is what gives the Jewish people strength in the present and confidence in the future.

Not every goal has been attained, not every challenge has been met. As we mark 100 years of modern Zionism and enter Israel's 50th year we must not lose sight of the purpose of Zionism: the ingathering of the Jewish people in the Jewish state.



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

With Israel's economy developing at an extraordinary pace and with its standard of living approaching that of the most advanced nations, there is every reason for Jews everywhere to consider Aliyah. I am certain that a majority of the Jewish people will be living in Israel by the time we celebrate the State's 60th anniversary.

We shall also widen the circle of peace to encompass all our neighbors, narrow the socioeconomic gaps in our society and resolve the differences between our religious streams.

Let us not rest on our laurels. But let us also view our magnificent achievements with pride, and feel confident that we will successfully face all challenges and overcome all obstacles.

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RUTH WEITZ

Life's random moments

We think we are in control of our lives. Not always so. From events that changed the world to how you met your mate, how much is mere happenstance?

For a starter, take the moving of the briefcase containing the bomb that was set to kill Hitler. If that unknown officer at the meeting with Hitler and others had not moved the case, would the war have ended sooner? Would the men who were in opposition have surrendered and saved hundreds of thousands of lives and changed the course of history?

We know from history books that Caesar's wife warned her husband of the Ides of March. We also read that Mrs. Lincoln did not want her husband to attend the performance at Ford's Theatre that fateful night. Does history repeat itself? Did you know that John F. Kennedy was warned not to go to Dallas? Was it predestined that world events turned out the way they did because these men did not heed the warnings?

I was driving my car in Long Island, New York some years ago and stopped for a red light at a busy intersection. A large sedan coming from my right raced through the cross road before the light turned green and hit a stanchion knocking it down. It landed across the top of the car in the lane to my immediate left, seriously injuring the driver and passenger. I was driving in that lane for miles and for absolutely no reason I switched to the centre lane just a second before I reached the corner. Why did I do that? Was it foreordained that I not be the one to get hit?

A year or two ago, some boys out for "sport" were shooting into passing cars. Random shots. One bullet sliced through the window of the car directly in back of me causing the driver to lose control of his vehicle. He also lost an eye that was hit by the bullet. A random victim. How easily it could have been me. Was it predetermined?

Remember the ill-fated cruise ship, the *Andrea Doria*, that sank a number of years ago? I had a reservation on that ship. Two days before departure, my back "went out". I could barely move and had to take to my bed. Terribly disappointed, I also had to turn in my ticket and stay home. Again, was it fate that I became immobile at that exact time so I would not be on this particular cruise?

During the war, a dear friend was wounded in Africa. He was waiting for a truck to transport him to a field hospital a few miles away. On the way to pick him up the truck broke down. It never arrived and my friend had to remain where he was until the following day when another truck would come for him. That same night the hospital he was to be brought to took a direct hit. Most of the patients were killed.

We are subject to fate. Sometimes it is not a deserved one but who can interfere with fate? Our so-called "free choice" is overruled by fate. Nothing we plan will ever eliminate chance, for chance governs after all and so much of life pivots on random moments.

Seven years ago my telephone rang and a voice from my past said "Hello". The caller was someone I knew in New York who now lives in Florida. We chatted for a while and she told me she had lost my address but recently met someone who knew us both. She asked about me and was given my telephone number. I was invited to visit her and her husband in their home in Sarasota. Well, you know the story. It was through her that I met Harry. Again. Fate?

Art Works /
Rose Ann HoffenbergPablo Picasso,
THREE MUSICIANS, 1921.

National Gallery of Canada until July 12, 1998.

The revolutionary Picasso destroyed realistic images of the Renaissance world, eliminated figurative representation, and defied the illusion of space on canvas.

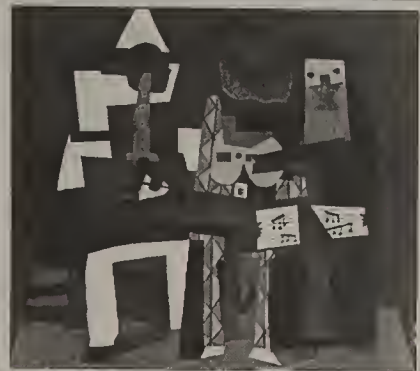
Picasso turned the art world on its head and sometimes his images appeared to have more than one head!

For decades few institutions would risk displaying a Picasso work. It was not until the 1930s that Picasso had a retrospective and he never looked back. In 1980 the New York, Modern Museum of Art gave all of its floor space to Picasso. The museum, in April of this year, loaned nearly 100 works to the National Gallery of Canada, a conservative gallery, in a conservative city. Does that mean that the battle for modern art has been won?

See the current Ottawa exhibition and decide for yourself. It has examples of his early works where the canvas reflects the poverty of the artist. There is change in 1906, as seen when the *Two Nudes* comments on what it is like to be a human being without copying from nature. This is also the first evidence of his looking back to an ancient culture (Iberian) to express his modern idiom. The monochromatic *Girl with Mandolin* defines the revolution of cubism with the figure dissolving into her surrounding space, as Picasso reinvents reality. The small *Maquette for Guitar* revolutionizes sculpture as Picasso turns the object inside out so that he shows us "what we know rather than what we see."

Remarkable among an entire room of sculptures is a *Goat* made from found objects and *Homage to Apollinaire*, a reinvention of sculpture by drawing in space.

His friend, Guillaume Apollinaire is also found in the *Three Musicians* (see photograph), a summary of the artist's discovery and invention which began in 1907. The three masked figures from left to right are a pierrot, a harlequin and a monk. The usual fragmentation of cubism is put back together in an adjustment as precise as a puzzle. There is not a single superfluous piece - each in its own place and indis-

Pablo Picasso, *Three Musicians*, 1921.

pensable to the whole.

In typical cubist fashion, the painting contains its own coded meanings and has a personal reference to Picasso's friends - Apollinaire and Max Jacob. The centre figure wearing the brilliant colors associated with Spain, could be Picasso; the one on the left may represent the poet Apollinaire, who had died of influenza in 1918; and the hooded figure on the right recalls the poet Max Jacob, whose close friendship with Picasso had crumbled years before, and who had entered a Benedictine monastery in the spring of 1921. This painting reunites three companions whose lives were now separated.

Picasso records both personal and public events on his canvas. When the travesty of concentration camps became public knowledge, Picasso responded with the *Charnel House* in 1945. This powerful work is found in the final room of an exciting exhibition that demonstrates the genius of a painter, a sculptor and the greatest print maker of the 20th century. Has the fight for modern expression been won? Only you can tell.

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Connecting with Israel at 50 by reliving excitement of its past



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DEANNA SILVERMAN

I have faint memories of a spring day. My sister and I were warned not to make a sound. Tears in their eyes, our parents huddled by the radio listening through static to a voice speaking Hebrew.

David Ben-Gurion was proclaiming the State of Israel. That was 50 years ago. I was nine years old. Among Winnipeg's Jewish community joy, anxiety and expectation reached a fever pitch. Again and again we children were told we had witnessed a miracle.

In the December 15, 1997 *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*, Rabbi Reuven Bulka challenged us to reconnect with Israel by reliving the excitement, passion and wonder of its past through books and films.

Books and films are also an excellent starting point for connecting children and grandchildren with the legends, ideals, realities and miracles that was ancient Israel and is Israel at 50.

The Two Brothers

A Legend Of Jerusalem

Retold and illustrated by Neil Waldman
Atheneum Books for Young Readers 1997
Unpaged Ages 6-9.

Tradition teaches that King Solomon built the Temple on Mount Moriah, the site of the binding of Isaac. Legends, such as this one, enrich tradition by adding more reasons for the Temple's location.

In *The Two Brothers: A Legend of Jerusalem* Neil Waldman blends lush watercolor illustrations with gently paced, spiritually textured storytelling to explain how King Solomon came to choose the exact spot for the Temple.

According to Waldman's retelling, two loving brothers, one a bachelor and the other married with two children, inherited and farmed opposite sides of a hill. During one harvest season each became concerned that his brother's need was greater than his own.

In the dead of night each secretly carried a few sheaves of wheat to his brother's side of the hill. By morning each had the same number of sheaves he had started with. This continued for two more nights.

Coincidentally, on the first night King Solomon noticed the brothers' activities. He decided to keep watch. On the third night King Solomon saw the brothers bump into each other. He watched them help each other up, laughing, kissing and hugging as they understood each other's generosity.

Suddenly "... a shaft of light illuminated the ground beneath the brothers' feet." Waters bubbled forth. Look-

ing up, King Solomon saw a heavenly Jerusalem with the Temple at its center. The site where the brothers demonstrated their love and generosity was clearly to be the center of the earthly Jerusalem, the site of Solomon's Temple.

A visually stunning book and a loving, mildly humorous introduction to legends about Jerusalem and King Solomon.

The Garden

By Carol Matas

Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers 1997
102 pages Ages 12 and up

The Garden, a sequel to *After the War*, continues the fictional life story of 15 year old Holocaust survivor Ruth Mendelson, her brother Simon and her friends a year after their arrival in Palestine.

The story's timeframe is the six month period between the United Nation's affirmative vote on the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states and the declaration of the State of Israel. For the Jews in Palestine this was an exceedingly dangerous, frustrating time. Overnight, friendly Arabs and Arab villages became murderous enemies.

Ruth, boyfriend Zvi Bernstein and their friends live on Kibbutz David, which is close to the heavily fought-over main road linking Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. They are members of the Palmach, the crack troops of the Jewish Defense Force. Ruth's brother, however, is a member of the Irgun, a fighting force with a more activist philosophy.

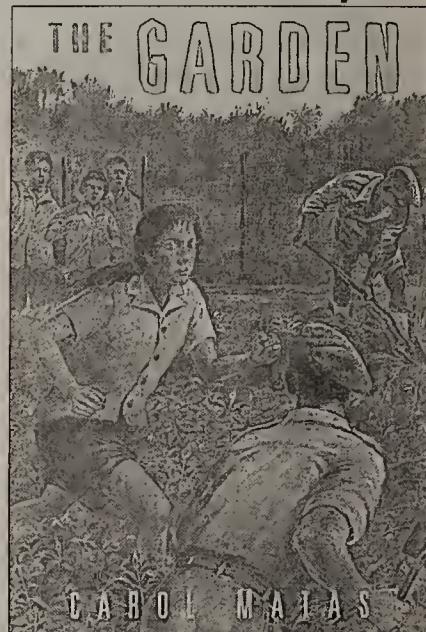
Writing with symbolic and emotional intensity that reflects the depths of her characters' moral dilemmas, demons, hopes and the very real dangers they face, Carol Matas begins the story with friendship and violence. Warned by a young Arab girl, Ruth kills a snake in her garden.

Action, turbulence and suspense quickly follow. Each chapter is its own compelling story. Each vividly portrays so much history, drama, dreams and conflicts that Zvi's characteristic lamebrain jokes are a welcome relief.

Most importantly, each chapter contributes to our sense of young people haunted by memories, confused by political and religious diversity who are determined to never again be helpless victims.

Despite the external dangers, Ruth's greatest danger is internal. Sensitive and questioning she strives to resolve age-old dilemmas. When is it right to kill? Why does doing right feel so wrong? Will her doubts cause her to endanger herself and others?

Yet in an unforgettable scene Ruth becomes a hero.



And in an equally unforgettable scene Zvi, the joker, finally mourns his past and by doing so commits to a future.

Well researched, skillfully written, compassionate, poignant and empathetic *The Garden* is an action-packed, emotional, moral and symbolic *tour-de-force* by one of Canada's best writers. Don't miss it!

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DONNA KARLIN

This is a wonderfully easy meal to make as a lot of the steps can be done ahead of time. I particularly like preparing this menu for a weekend lunch. It's stimulating to both the palate and the eye!

Warm Chicken Salad
with Roasted Red Pepper Dressing

- 1 lb skinless, boneless chicken breast, pounded to 1/4" thickness
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 medium red bell peppers, sliced
- 1 medium yellow onion, sliced
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1 tsp chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 3 cups torn red leaf lettuce
- 3 cups torn arugula leaves

On clean work surface, rub chicken with 1/3 of the garlic; transfer to small bowl with tight-fitting cover. Refrigerate covered, at least 1 hour. Preheat oven to 400°. Spray medium nonstick skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside. To prepare dressing, in a 2 quart casserole, combine bell peppers, onion, the remaining garlic and the olive oil. Roast 25 minutes. Stir in broth, 1/4 cup water and the rosemary. Cover with foil. Roast 20 minutes until tender. Let cool slightly. Transfer mixture to food processor or blender. Add vinegar and 1/3 tsp of pepper and purée until smooth. In prepared skillet, cook chicken over medium-high heat 4-5 minutes, until golden. Sprinkle with salt and remaining 1/8 tsp pepper. Turn chicken. Cook 4 minutes longer, until cooked through. Transfer to cutting board. Let sit 5 minutes. Cut chicken into diagonal slices. To serve, on serving platter combine lettuce and arugula, toss to mix well. Arrange sliced chicken on top; drizzle with dressing. Serves 4.

Chinese "Hot" Noodles

These noodles are served cold.

They get their punch from the chili paste.

- 8 oz. noodles (spaghetini, linguini)
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 2 tsp chili paste with garlic
- 2 cloves garlic puréed with 1 tsp red pepper flakes,
- 1/2 tsp sesame oil, and 1/4 tsp vinegar
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1 to 2 tbsp honey
- 1 tsp finely grated gingerroot
- 1/2 red bell pepper, sliced thinly
- 1/2 green bell pepper, sliced thinly



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- 1 to 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1 to 2 cups snow peas
- 1/2 to 1 cup sliced, English cucumber
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro
- 1 tsp sesame seeds

Boil the noodles in a very large pot of water until nearly done. Do not completely cook them so that you can keep them al dente. Drain the noodles in a colander and rinse in cold water. Toss the drained noodles with the sesame oil. Set them aside until they are needed. Combine chili paste, vinegar, soy sauce, sugar and gingerroot in a bowl, mixing well. (If you're not eating the noodles soon, cover the bowl and place the dressing in the refrigerator. Be sure to have the dressing at room temperature before serving.)

Slice the bell peppers into thin pieces, break broccoli into florets and clean the snow peas. Next blanch red and green bell pepper, broccoli and snow peas in boiling water for 20 to 30 seconds; drain into a colander and rinse under cold water. Drain the vegetables on paper towels. Next, peel and slice the cucumber into thin half-moons. Place the cooled noodles in a serving dish; arrange vegetables attractively on top. Refrigerate the noodles and

vegetables until ready to serve. (The vegetables and noodles will keep perfectly covered in the refrigerator for 24 hours.) Just before serving, spoon the soy-vinegar mixture over the vegetables and noodles, garnishing with cilantro and sesame seeds. Serves 4.

Green Bean and Cherry Tomato Salad

- 1 lb green beans
- 1 lb cherry tomatoes
- 1 large shallot
- 3 tbsp red wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Fresh basil



Trim the beans and parboil in boiling salted water, just until crisp tender. Drain immediately and spread on a clean dish towel to cool. Stem the cherry tomatoes and cut in half (this can be done in advance). Peel and finely dice the shallot and place in a bowl with the vinegar, salt and pepper. Whisk in the olive oil. Toss the cherry tomatoes with the vinaigrette and let sit for a while. Do not add the green beans until just before serving to preserve flavor and color. Garnish with fresh basil. Serves 4.



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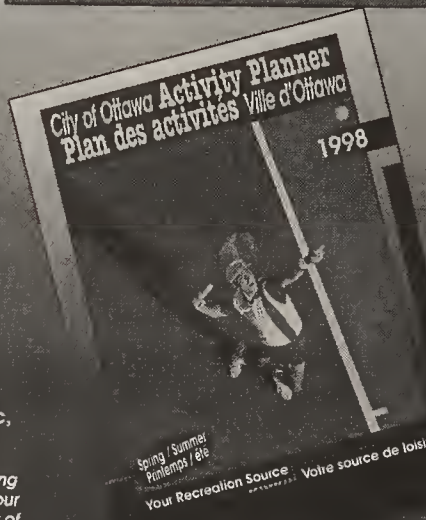
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Wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ab Flatt and family a happy Passover by Millie and Percy Weinstein.

Wishing Ethel and Irving Taylor and family a happy Passover by Millie and Percy Weinstein.

Wishing Dorothy and Herb Nadolny and family a happy Passover by Millie and Percy Weinstein.

Wishing Lila and Abe Bookman continued good health and a happy Passover by George and Brenda Wolf.

Best wishes to Adele and Jack Gordon on their 50th wedding anniversary by Lila and Abe Bookman; and by Millie and Percy Weinstein.

Best wishes to Rhea Hochstadter on her birthday by Millie and Percy Weinstein.

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In memory of Max Ginsburg by Lila and Abe Bookman.

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In memory of Jackie Horwitz, Q.C. by Rhoda and George Caplan; by Marcia Caplan; by Valerie, Mickey, Mark and Lorne; by Officers and Board of the Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'ir; by Mitchell Bellman and Nicola Harner; by Paul and Elinor Weiner; by Sharye and Jerry Marcus and family; by Leonard Shore and Jane Mirsky; by Alyce and Allan Baker; by Ethel and Irving Taylor; by Gloria Krugel; and

by Deborah and Howard Krebs and family.

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Wishing Bess Middeldstadt a speedy recovery by Jeanne Horwitz.

DOROTHY AND HY HYMES FUND

Wishing Shirley Kardish continued good health by Dorothy and Hy Hymes.

Best wishes to Rose Taylor on her special birthday by Barbara, Alexandra and Rebecca Fine.

Best wishes to Herb Nadolny on his special birthday by Barbara, Alexandra and Rebecca Fine.

Best wishes to Millie and Percy Weinstein on their 50th wedding anniversary by Barbara, Alexandra and Rebecca Fine.

Best wishes to Diane Abramson on her birthday by Goldie Abramson.

Best wishes to Goldie Lobel on her special birthday by Goldie Abramson.

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In memory of Herb Viner by Sandy and Michael Shaver.

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Mazal Tov to Danny and Maria Sella on the birth of their daughter Cameron by Joany and Andy Katz and family.

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Best wishes to Millie and Percy Weinstein on their 50th wedding anniversary by Evelyn and Lou Eisenberg.

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Mazal Tov to Sid and Ethel Kerzner on the birth of their great-grandchild and a happy Passover by Rose and Chick Taylor.

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Best wishes to Blanche and Joe Oster on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughters and happy Passover by Rose and Chick Taylor.

EVA AND ISRAEL KARDISH FUND

Best wishes to Cheryl Kardish Levitin on her birthday by Andrea Ginsburg.

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Natalie and Tom Gussman honor their parents

With the passing of Charles Gussman on February 20, 1998, his family wanted to do something to perpetuate his name and the principles which he strongly upheld throughout his life. Both Charles and his late wife Rebecca instilled in their son Tom a strong feeling for community involvement and charitable work.

Prior to retiring to Nepean, the Gussmans lived in Vancouver where Charlie was for many years a member of Lions Gate Lodge B'nai Brith and the Men's Club of the Shara Tzedek Synagogue. Rebecca was very active in Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women, and was a regular volunteer in the Council's Vancouver "thrill shop".

Their son and his wife Natalie have continued to be active in Jewish life. Tom is a past president of Parliament Lodge B'nai Brith here in Ottawa and currently serves as a vice-president of the National Board of Governors. Natalie has been involved in many Jewish community activities, and directed the first JCC Theatreworks production *Fiddler on the Roof*. The couple have



Rebecca and Charles Gussman

also served as volunteers for many organizations, including the Ottawa Heart Institute Telethon.

Community involvement and the preservation of Jewish ideals have long been a priority in the Gussman family. To honor the memory of Tom's parents, Natalie and Tom Gussman have established the Charles and Rebecca Gussman Memorial Fund in the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, with the hope that this fund will help to support Jewish youth activities in the future.

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Wishing Isabel Lesh a r'tuah sh'lemah and Isabel and Norman a happy Passover by Rose and Chick Taylor.

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Congratulations to Bev Margolian by aunt Anne and uncle Al Bloom.

In memory of Stan Glube by Anne and Al Bloom.
Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Al Cohen for a happy Passover by Anne and Al Bloom.

KRANTZBERG KRANE FAMILY FOUNDATION

Best wishes to Joyce Steinberg for a speedy recovery by Evelyn Krane.

HARRY LEIKIN ENDOWMENT FUND

Wishing Dr. Gerald Posen a r'tuah sh'lemah by Barbara and Len Farber.

NATHAN AND LAURIE LEVITIN MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing Miriam Levitin and family a happy Passover and with much appreciation to Miriam by Brenda and George Wolf.

Best wishes to Adele and Jack Gordon on their 50th wedding anniversary by Miriam Levitin.

JOSEPH AND EVELYN LIEFF FUND

Best wishes to Herb Nadolny on his special birthday by Elissa Lieff, David, Zac and Kayla Resnick.

LOUIS AND JEANNE LIEFF FUND

With many thanks to Doug McMillin by Jeanne Lieff.

JACOB MALOMET MEMORIAL FUND

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Wishing Hy Gabf continued good health by Alvin and Diana Malomet.

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Best wishes to Herb Nadolny on his special birthday by Hamel and Irving Stone; by Phyllis and Max Stenhal; by Sara and Zeev Vered; by Ruth and Joe Viner; by Carole and Norman Zagerman; by Barbara Sugarmen and Sid Kronick; by Sandra and Jackie Levinson; by Marjory and Ben Achbar; by Goldie Abramson; by Joan and Henry Bloom; by Edye Cohen; by Nina and Mark Dover; by Zelta Freedman; by Dorothy and Hy Hymes; by Cookie and Julie Krantzberg; by Sally and Elliott Levitan; by Estelle and John Liberman; by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff; by Miriam and Jack Pleet; by Eddie Saslove; by Blossom Read; by Anita and Herb Saslove; by Sylvia and Ralph Saslove; by Ruth and Mannie Shacter; and by Phyllis and Marvin Silverman.

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With appreciation to Harold Zeveloff by Florence and Gdalyah Rosenfeld.

In appreciation to Kay Fogel by Florence and Gdalyah Rosenfeld.

Best wishes to Evelyn Potechin on her birthday by Florence and Gdalyah Rosenfeld.

In memory of Abraham Weisglass by Florence and Gdalyah Rosenfeld.

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Best wishes to Jimmy Sanders on his special birthday by Mark, Susan and Gregory Silverman.

In memory of Herb Viner by Gregory and Tani Sanders and family.

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Best wishes to Laya and Sol Shabinsky and family for a happy Passover by Bob and Eileen Landau and family.

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Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Landau and family for a happy Passover by Bob and Eileen Landau and family.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hechtman and family for a happy Passover by Bob and Eileen Landau and family.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Frisz and family for a happy Passover by Bob and Eileen Landau and family.

CECIL AND FLORENCE SHINDER FUND

Best wishes to Millie and Percy Weinstein on their 50th wedding anniversary by Florence Shinder.

SOL AND ZELAIN SHINDER FUND

Mazal Tov to Sol and Zelaine Shinder on the birth of their grandson Benjamin Hayes Shinder by Rose and Chick Taylor.

In memory of Oebbie Malek's dear uncle by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.

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Best wishes to David Shoiet on his special birthday by Blanche and Joe Oslerer.

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Best wishes to Bess and Casey Swedlove for a happy Passover and with appreciation to Casey by Rose and Chick Taylor.

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Mazal Tov to Lillian Taller on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Jason and wishing Lillian a happy Passover by Rose and Chick Taylor.

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Mazal Tov to Rabbi and Mrs. Reuven Bulka on the birth of their granddaughter by Mendy, Jason and Natalie Taller.

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Mazal Tov to Linda Kerzner on assuming the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Ottawa Jewish Community Centre by Mendy, Jason and Natalie Taller.

In memory of Lily (Liza) Rosen by Mendy, Jason and Natalie Taller.

Best wishes to Mary Farber on her birthday by Sue and Steve Rothman and family.

Best wishes to Sue Rothman on her birthday by Mary and Izzy Farber and family.

In memory of Celia Shachter by Steven and Linda Kerzner.

In memory of Lou Fishman by Steven and Linda Kerzner.

Mazal Tov to Howie and Ellen Oslerer on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter by Steven and Linda Kerzner.

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Wishing Miriam Cantor a r'tuah sh'lemah by Anne Taller.

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Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Albert on the birth of their great-grandson by Sandra, Eli and Aaron Hoffman.

Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Orzech on the birth of their grandson by Sandra, Eli and Aaron Hoffman.

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In memory of Herb Viner by Sunny and John Tavel.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of our dear father Shmaryahu Taylor by Rose and Chick Taylor and family.

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Best wishes to Lita Alper for a r'huah sh'lemah and wishing Lita and Seymour Alper and family a happy Passover by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

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Wishing Ernie Waserman a r'huah sh'lemah by Nat and Phyllis Waserman.

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Mazal Tov to Millie and Percy Weinstein on their 50th wedding anniversary by Yetta and Larry Arron and family. Mazal Tov to Herb Nadolny on his 70th birthday by Yetta

and Larry Arron and family

In memory of Jacie Horwitz, O.C. by Yetta and Larry Arron.

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In memory of Jacie Horwitz, O.C. by Diane Wexler, and by Sonny, Carol, Felicia and Adam Segal.

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Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. M. Grey on the birth of their grandchild by Helene Zaret and family.

Best wishes to Millie and Percy Weinstein on their 50th wedding anniversary by Helene Zaret and family.

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Glorious finish to '98 UJA Campaign

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"We have 339 cards to complete and together with the annual Foundation gifts, Walkathon and the Golf Tournament, hopefully we will maintain our current pace.

"To the many UJA donors, I thank you for your commitment to the Ottawa Jewish Community," he said.

The evening concluded with the formal transfer of the campaign reins to incoming UJA '99 Campaign Chair Linda Nadolny-Cogan.

A highlight of the program was a musical interlude featuring the Talmud Torah Afternoon School Choir, the Hillel Academy Choir and the cast of the JCC Theatreworks' recent production, *Bye, Bye Birdie*. All three showcased the outstanding talent being fostered in three UJA beneficiary institutions.

Felice Patrantsch chaired the Kovod Committee while husband, Solly, did the honors as emcee of the evening.

Golf corporate sponsor

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Organizers anticipate a sell-out crowd of die-hard duffers will take part in the fun, frolic and challenge of the afternoon. A total of only 144 tickets will be sold for the event. Tickets purchased before June 1 are \$150, after June 1, \$175.

Tickets are available by calling the UJA Ottawa office at 789-7306.

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Jewish Community Centre Golden Age Club Bingo Luncheon, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12:30 p.m.	 Jewish Community Centre Drop-In Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12 noon.	Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'ir Executive Meeting, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 5:30 p.m. The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meeting, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.	Jewish Community Centre Executive Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 181 Broadview, 5:30 p.m. Jewish Community Centre Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview, 7:30 p.m. Ottawa Jewish Historical Society Meeting, Speaker: Reverend P. Meggs, Speaking on "The Hebrew Mission", Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Ottawa Talmud Torah Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Avenue, 7:30 p.m.	 CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 8:00 PM JET, Mini Shabbaton, Beth Shalom West, 15 Chartwell Avenue, after services.	JET, Mini Shabbaton, Beth Shalom West, 15 Chartwell Avenue, 9:00 a.m.	 Happy Mother's Day! Temple Israel Adult Education In Honour of Israel's 50th birthday, Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 9:30 a.m. Shalom Ottawa ailing, 3:00 p.m. Cable 22, 3:00 p.m.
MONDAY, MAY 11	TUESDAY, MAY 12	WEDNESDAY, MAY 13	THURSDAY, MAY 14	FRIDAY, MAY 15	SATURDAY, MAY 16	SUNDAY, MAY 17
Jewish Community Centre Golden Age Club Mother's Day Luncheon, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12:30 p.m. Shalom Ottawa ailing 6:00 p.m. Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science Lecture/Reception, Home of Ruth and Aron Miller, 7:30 p.m. Canadian Jewish Congress/Machzikel Hadas Congregation, Community Video, Machzikel Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 7:00 p.m. Cable 22, 6:00 p.m.	 Jewish Community Centre Drop-In Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12 noon.	Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'ir Officers Meeting, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 5:30 p.m. Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'ir Board of Trustees Meeting, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m. The Miracle Begins Group of Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meeting, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.	Hillel Lodge Volunteer Appreciation Tea, Hillel Lodge, 125 Wurlenburg Street, 1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Jewish Community Centre Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration, Hillel Academy, 881 Broadview Avenue, noon - 4:00 p.m. State of Israel Bonds Tribute Dinner Honoring Herb Gray, Deputy Prime Minister, Chateau Laurier Hotel, Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., Dinner, 7:00 p.m.	Friday Morning Shabbat for Tots Drop-In Centre, for moms and children mostly under 2 1/2, Tiny Treasures Nursery School, 192 Switzer Avenue, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 8:00 PM		

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Alice Sarah Mariano
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Correction

In the Community Calendar of the April 20 issue of the *OJB*, the Tiny Treasures Information evening was published as taking place on Thursday, April 23 (Yom HaShoah). It should have read Tuesday, April 28.

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